

MAINE FARMER. The Value and Use of Gypsum. When applied to crops, has been a much discussed subject, and within a few years has occupied no small space in the columns of the FARMER. It is not the question of what it is, for everybody knows that gypsum is composed of sulphur and lime, and chemically, is known as the sulphate of lime, but the question with so many, including scientists and practical farmers, has been, what plaster does, and what does it do when applied to crops as a dressing? We are now asked these questions by a correspondent who signs his name "Beginner," and we suppose he is one who has not been familiar with the agricultural literature of the past few years. We certainly have no new views to offer on the subject, and so we will simply give an abstract of an article which lately appeared in the Albany Cultivator from the pen of Henry Stewart.

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